



Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 6993
Harrisburg, PA 17112-0993

Office Location:
2608 Market Place
Harrisburg, PA

Telephone 717-540-9551

www.pasbo.org

FAX 717-540-1796

November 12, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO), I am writing to express our support for the reappointment of Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board of Directors as a school representative. PASBO represents 2,000 Pennsylvania school business officials, many of whom have worked with or interacted directly with Julie in dealing with E-rate issues.

Having acted as the Pennsylvania E-rate Coordinator for 17 years, as well as the Pennsylvania Director of Educational Technology, she understands not only the larger policy objectives related to connecting schools and students, but also the day-to-day program nuances experienced by schools in our state and nationally as well.

We are continually impressed by her level of professionalism and ability to get to the root cause of a complex issue and find a common sense solution. It is these traits that the FCC should want in a USAC board member representing the school community. The E-rate program is at an important point in its history as full implementation of E-rate modernization becomes a reality. We believe that the continuation of a proven USAC board member will help ensure continued success of the program.

For all of these reasons, we encourage you to re-appoint Ms. Schell to the USAC Board of Directors on behalf of schools. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jay Himes
Executive Director

P:\Miscellaneous\JTS Ltr.docx